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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the
above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the container has
a volume less than or equal to 100 ml.
4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the
step of expelling the liquid mixture from the container after
extraction of nucleic acids.
5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising washing
the solid phase to remove bound materials other than nucleic
acid.
6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising
removing the nucleic acids from the solid phase by eluting with
a solvent.

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